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Subject: RE: Monte Rio Sewer Project/Prop 50 IRWM Draft Funding
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Attachments:

Thank you for your comments. They will be taken into consideration.

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I am writing to endorse the statements and sentiments of Ms. Atkinson. No one seems to think that wasting public money is a problem here. No one wants to take the time to assess the projects and its real costs. Yet, we have a entire district (not just 400 parcels) in need of a solution and with many good ideas and proposals for accomplishing the goal. But instead of addressing the real problems, the County continues to push a project that is fraught with ecological hazards, does nothing to help existing septic problems, and comes at an astronomical cost.

I wish I had known about the public comment period before now. I would have put together a much more detailed statement.

M. Patricia Thayer
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From: Doreen Atkinson [REDACTED]
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Mr.Scott Couch:

I was told that public comment ended December 8th and as a home owner in the Monte Rio "core" District I would like to be on record as stating that the \$3.5M that has been requested for the Monte Rio Sewer Project should be denied.

This project has escalated from it's original estimate of \$8M at its inception to the now \$16.9M for only 400 structured parcels and 200 vacant lots. There is no data supporting that septic tanks in the Monte Rio area are polluting the Russian River. Upstream "centralized sewer systems" have been the continuing source of pollution to the lower Russian River. The system that is being proposed for Monte Rio, using electrically generated grinder pumps at a majority of the residences in a flood prone area doesn't make any sense. The future outlook for the maintenance and operations will be very expensive with rates destine to rise from the now yearly estimate of \$1,200.00 per ESD.

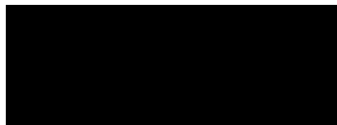
We not only will be burdened with expensive operation cost but we will be destroying a beautiful, historical meadow along side the Russian River. The likelihood of polluting the river will become greater then ever before when the liquid effluence from the 400 residence and the inevitable development of the 200 lots is discharged into the meadow into one big "leach" field. Why? Because this meadow floods and is closer in proximity to the River then most of the septic tanks are at their residence.

One more point to mention. The pressurized sewerline is also going to be strung over the Monte Rio Bridge. Presently this bridge in on a list of "replacement" bridges- <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hbrr99/MTCSeismic.pdf> <<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hbrr99/MTCSeismic.pdf>>

If the bridge is not fit to be retrofitted how can we be placing a sewerline across it?

Hopefully you will take into consideration my comments and not dismiss them as being trivial. I've lived here over 50 years, through many floods and electrical outages. This system is not good for this area.

Doreen Atkinson



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